

HB 2129 -- HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS

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This bill requires a health carrier to provide each contracted health care provider Internet access to the carrier's standard fee schedule that reflects the current payment rates for all goods and services by geographic area. All contracted providers in the geographic area must be paid at those rates with specified exceptions. The fee schedule cannot include a rate for a specific good or service that is less than the lowest contracted rate for a specific good or service. A health carrier cannot refuse to contract with any provider located within the geographic coverage area that is willing to meet the terms and conditions for participation in the plan.

Every health care provider who refers a patient to a medical facility must inform the patient of every medical facility within the provider network at which the provider has privileges to provide the needed services which are medically appropriate. Services must be provided at the medical facility of the patient's choosing and no referral shall be required.

A health care provider, health carrier, or health benefit plan will be subject to licensure sanction for failure to comply with the provisions of the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 284 (2015).